

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 11

Resolution No. 161-2026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Establishing - Surplus School Use Committee

Title: A RESOLUTION establishing a Surplus School Use Committee to study the disposition of property located at the Howard County Public School System Central Office, located along Md. Route 108; providing for a certain public meeting; providing for the Committee's membership, duties, and lifespan; setting certain deadlines; and generally relating to a Surplus School Use Committee.

Introduced and read first time Sep 8, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on Sep 22 & 23, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council on Oct 5, 2026.

Certified By Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Board of Education is the owner of approximately
2 4.5815 acres of land now known as Lot 2 on the plat of resubdivison entitled "The Board of
3 Education of Howard County, Maryland, Lots 1 & 2 and Non-buildable Bulk Parcel A, a
4 Resubdivision of Parcel 100, "Plat for Grant of Forest Conservation Easements to Howard
5 County, Maryland" (Plat 14822)" and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County,
6 Maryland as Plat Numbers 27148-27150 and located at the Howard County Public School
7 System Central Office, located along Md. Route 108 (the "Board Property") that is no longer
8 needed for educational purposes and the Board of Education would like to transfer the site to
9 Howard County; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the State Board of Public Works and the State Superintendent have
12 approved the proposed transfer; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, Section 4.202 of the Howard County Code requires the Howard County
15 Council to appoint a Surplus School Use Committee whenever a school site is no longer needed
16 for educational purposes; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, Section 4.202 of the Howard County Code further requires that the Surplus
19 School Use Committee recommend a disposition of the Board Property if the County Executive
20 determines that there is no County Government use for the site.

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
23 Maryland, this 5 day of October, 2026, that there is a Surplus School Use
24 Committee.

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26 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall consist of:

27 (a) The following voting members, of which seven represent the areas of human
28 services, education, government, arts and culture, housing and the community,
29 and the remaining three are at-large members:

- 30 1. Tracy Broccolino;
31 2. Jolene Mosley;

3. Felix Facchine;
4. Samantha Cobb;
5. Coleen West;
6. Mary Ka Kanahan;
7. Lois Mikkila;
8. Katy Sedney;
9. Mariana Izraelson; and
10. Gene Mellin.

(b) The following non-voting officials or the official's designee:

1. Yosef Kebede, Department of Public Works;
2. Jackie Scott, Department of Community Resources and Services;
3. Peter Engel, Howard County Housing Commission;
4. Kelly Cimino, Department of Housing and Community Development;
5. Jennifer Jones, Economic Development Authority;
6. Louis Winston, Department of Fire and Rescue Services;
7. Holly Sun, Office of Budget; and
8. Opel Jones, County Council Chairperson, or Designee.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Section 4.202 of the Howard County Code:

- (a) If the County Executive decides that there is no County government use for Board Property, the County Executive shall inform the Council and:
 - (i) The Committee shall hold a public hearing to solicit specific proposals for the use of the property, such proposals may be submitted to the Committee during the meeting or within 30 days after the meeting.
 - (ii) Within 75 days after the public meeting, the Committee shall submit its final recommendations for disposition of the property to the Howard County Council.
- (b) If the County Executive decides that the County shall retain the property for County government use, the Committee need not meet or act.

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2 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that after the Surplus School Use Committee
3 submits any required recommendations to the Howard County Council, the Committee shall
4 terminate.



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. _____-2026 establishing a Surplus School Use Committee to study the disposition of property located at the Howard County Public School System Central Office, located along Md. Route 108; providing for a certain public meeting; providing for the Committee's membership, duties, and lifespan; setting certain deadlines; and generally relating to a Surplus School Use Committee.

To: Brandee Ganz
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Samantha M. Cobb, Director
Department of General Services 

Date: August 27, 2026

The Department of General Services has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony relative to the creation of a Surplus School Use Committee (the "School Committee") to study the disposition of property located at the Howard County Public School System Central Office located along Maryland Route 108.

The Howard County Board of Education (the "Board") is the owner of approximately 4.5815 acres of land now known as Lot 2 on the plat of resubdivision entitled "The Board of Education of Howard County, Maryland, Lots 1 & 2 and Non-buildable Bulk Parcel A, a Resubdivision of Parcel 100, "Plat for Grant of Forest Conservation Easements to Howard County, Maryland" (Plat 14822)" and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland as Plat Numbers 27148-27150 (the "Board Property"). The Board has determined that the Board Property is no longer needed for educational purposes and the Board would like to transfer the Board Property to Howard County, Maryland (the "County").

Section 4.202 of the Howard County Code requires the Howard County Council appoint a School Committee whenever a school site is no longer needed for educational purposes. Per County Code, the School Committee is to be established within 45 days after notification by the Howard County Board of Education that a particular school and site is no longer needed for education purposes. On August 7, 2026, the Howard County Board of Education notified the County that the land adjacent to the Homewood Center and the HCPSS Central Office is no longer needed for educational purposes following a successful subdivision of the land in June 2026.

The County Executive shall hold a public meeting to discuss and review the disposition of the Board Property. The County Executive will then inform the County Council of his decision to retain the property for County use, recommend a non-County Government use to the School Committee, or make no recommendation.

There is no fiscal impact to the County for the creation of the Committee.

Representatives of this department will be present at the public hearing to answer any questions or concerns. If you require any further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

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cc: Jennifer Sager
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